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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James Lay, National Security Council
SUBJECT : National Security Medal

1. Enclosed is a copy of the letter from President Truman designating the Director of Central Intelligence to make awards for the National Security Medal. You will notice that the Executive Order and Regulations published in the Federal Register did not mention CIA and it was to avoid mention of the Director that your title was put in those published documents to approve the design for the medal and to take recommendations for the award.
2. The enclosed letter is not to be made public and is for your information as a basis to refer recommendations to the Director.
3. For your information we are approaching the Heraldic Office in order to evolve with them an appropriate medal design and inscription. General Smith will want to see the final result on this and we will bring it to you when the work is completed.
4. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

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General Counsel

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